



National Nuclear Security Administration Y-12 Site Office News Release

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CRAVENS NAMED CO-FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE YEAR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Oak Ridge, Tenn. -- Jeff Cravens, Lead Operations Engineer for the National Nuclear Security Administration's Y-12 Site Office, has been named the U.S. Department of Energy Co-Facility Representative of the Year for 2004.

Cravens was cited for his.....“superior leadership, thorough knowledge of operations and safety standards, exceptional initiative in pursuing improvements, and outstanding performance as a Department of Energy (DOE) Facility Representative.” He received the award in ceremonies held recently in Las Vegas during the National DOE Facility Representative Conference.

In recognition of this award, Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman said, “Your performance exemplified the very best among almost 200 DOE Facility Representatives, a highly-regarded group of professionals who ensure the safe, reliable operations of our facilities. Your outstanding leadership in identifying and resolving safety and operational issues at the Y-12 National Security Complex has been essential to the safe, efficient operation of the site’s facilities.”

Cravens is sharing this year’s award with Robert Knighten, who serves as a Facility Representative at the DOE’s Idaho Site Office.

Cravens joined the Y-12 Site Office in 1995 as a Facility Representative. From 2000 to 2002, he served as Director of the Assessment and Emergency Management Division for DOE’s Oak Ridge Operations. He returned to the Y-12 Site Office in 2002 as Facility Representative and was named Lead Operations Engineer earlier this year. Previously, Cravens served as a refueling engineer in the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Nuclear Engineering Department.

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Cravens is a native of Knoxville. He received a B.S. in mechanical engineering from The University of Tennessee in 1989. Cravens has served as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America for the past 20 years. He and his wife, Tracey, live in Knoxville and have three sons.

The Y-12 Site Office is responsible for overseeing operations of the Y-12 National Security Complex, which is a key manufacturing facility supporting the nation's nuclear weapons program.

Established by Congress in 2000, NNSA is a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy responsible for enhancing national security through the military application of nuclear energy. NNSA maintains and enhances the safety, security, reliability and performance of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile without nuclear testing; works to reduce global danger from weapons of mass destruction; provides the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion; and responds to nuclear and radiological emergencies in the U.S. and abroad.

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